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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Assistant Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

In the Specification

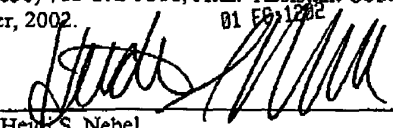
The paragraph beginning at page 32, line 32 has been amended as follows:

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With the advent of molecular biological techniques that have allowed the isolation and characterization of genes that encode specific protein products, scientists in the field of plant biology developed a strong interest in engineering the genome of plants to contain and express foreign genes, or additional, or modified versions of native or endogenous genes (perhaps driven by different promoters) in order to alter the traits of a plant in a specific manner. Such foreign, additional and/or modified genes are referred to herein collectively as "transgenes". Over the last fifteen to twenty years several methods for producing transgenic plants have been developed, and

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